

HOUSE BILL 1178

By Dunn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 35; Title 7, Chapter 82 and Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to water and wastewater services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-35-201, is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(3) If any city, town or utility district also operates a water system, and can do so without the impairment of contract rights vested in the holders of any bonds payable from the revenues of such water system, to combine charges for sewer and water services in one (1) statement and to bill the beneficiary of such services for sewer and water services in such manner as to require the payment of both charges as a unit, and to enforce the payment of such charges by discontinuing either the water service or the sewer service, or both; provided, however, that if the city, town or utility district is providing services for sewer and services for water beyond the boundaries of any town or city served, then the city, town or utility district shall meter service for water and sewer to a service recipient on land zoned for agricultural use separately and shall charge for such services according to such recipient's use.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.